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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Precarious Position

HONGKONG'S trade figures for August are slightly more encouraging for exports rose slightly for the second consecutive month at a time when usually there is a seasonal decline. The increase in the value of exports in August—\$3 million—is hardly significant. It represents only a 1.5 per cent improvement on the previous month's total. But there is a more interesting comparison with the figures for August, 1953. This shows that there has been a 10.0 per cent or \$28.2 million increase. Exports in the first eight months, however, are well down compared with the corresponding period last year; there has been a fall of 19.5 per cent or \$379.0 million over the period. Despite the slight narrowing of the gap between imports and exports there is still a large adverse trade balance and the figures serve to underline the still precarious position of Hongkong's trade. There can certainly be no compacency about the present position and there should be no wishful thinking that all the Colony's troubles are going to be over when the United Nations decides to lift the embargo on trade with Communist China. In the American view, there is no good reason why the embargo should be lifted yet, in fact there are many reasons why it should continue to be enforced. And even if the United Nations, in its wisdom, should decide to end this boycott, there is nothing to suggest that Hongkong will handle the lion's share of the Sino-European trade as it did before.

His trade figures show that Hongkong is still relying on traditional markets to a very large extent for the sale of its products abroad. It is doubtful whether the Colony can ever expect any security from this trade. Certainly this trade must be maintained but there is an urgent need to secure new markets and develop them to such an extent that they may "cushion" the slumps that do periodically occur in the larger markets. More, we feel, should be done to push Hongkong's name abroad, especially in those regions with which our traders have had little contact. Competition from large highly-industrialised Asian neighbours, we realise, imposes a barrier to expansion but an exhaustive survey of world markets is bound to reveal new openings for our locally-made products. This trade promotion should go hand in hand with the drive to increase Hongkong's productive capacity. Every opportunity should be seized to show the Colony's wares in overseas markets not only to secure orders but to establish in the overseas mind a proper appreciation of the Colony and its products. For if there is a need to develop markets there is also a definite need to give wide publicity to Hongkong's products. It must be stated, too, that it is not enough for Hongkong to have resident foreign and Commonwealth trade commissioners here but that even more should be done by the Trade Promotion Division of the Department of Trade and Commerce as well as the Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese manufacturers to acquaint neighbouring nations of the possibilities inherent in trade with Hongkong. To this extent Government should consider sending a trade mission representative of Hongkong industry to neighbouring Far East countries—the Middle East, Africa and Europe to seek new avenues of trade. For Hongkong's future depends largely

## U.S. NAVY SHIPS SENT TO PACIFIC

### Long Range Plan To Balance Strength In 2 Oceans

#### Carrier And 16 Destroyers Coming

Washington, Sept. 14. The American Navy will send the big aircraft carrier Midway and 16 destroyers from the Atlantic to the Pacific in the next four months as part of a long-range plan to place strength in the two oceans on an even basis, a Navy spokesman said today.

In stating that the 45,000-ton carrier and two destroyer squadrons would be assigned to the Pacific, he said the move had no direct connection with the situation along the China coast.

Washington officials said later the United States had "quietly assembled" a mighty fleet in the Pacific with 15 aircraft carriers, 10 cruisers, 125 destroyers and 60 submarines.

### 434 Arrests In Persian Spy Round-up

Teheran, Sept. 14. Distant relatives of the senior army officers and administrators and technicians of the plant Abadan oil refinery have been arrested in a nation-wide round-up of a spy ring working for Russia. It was disclosed today.

The Shah's relatives were among the 434 officers whose arrest was announced in Parliament by the War Minister, Major-General Abdullah Hayday.

The Military Governor of Teheran, Brigadier-General Teymour Bakhtiar announced later that 133 Communists were arrested at Abadan last night. Three were army officers and the rest were civilian staff of the refinery.

Earlier reports from Abadan said those arrested were card-bearing Communists in touch with Communist cells in the backwoods of Kuwait, 80 miles across the Persian Gulf.

They maintained contact with an aircraft at illegal airstrips.

Amyr sources said the arrests had not so far disclosed any plans to sabotage the refinery.

The officials said the aircraft-carriers were supported by about 10 cruisers, 125 destroyers and 60 submarines. It was emphasised that these were "round figures" but substantially reflected the power of the arrested officers "having confessed and asked for clemency."

He said the arrested had ended a 13-year-old conspiracy in the army, police and air force. The first published list of 70 names includes 13 colonels.—Reuters.

The U.S. 7th Fleet is pledged transfers between the two oceans.

He recalled that Admiral Robert Carney, of Naval Operations, recently declared that the Navy would rearrange ship assignment schedules so that crews would know in advance that their ships would remain in one ocean or another for a longer period of time than has been possible since the outbreak of the Korean war.

During the Korean conflict, the Atlantic Fleet sent to the Pacific one battleship, one carrier, 16 destroyers and some auxiliary craft. The battleship and four destroyers have now been returned to the Atlantic on a permanent basis.

#### PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT

Navy officers said it was too early to say whether the transfer programme would result in permanent assignment of more fighting ships to the Pacific in relation to the Atlantic than before June, 1950. Some ships now in the Pacific were scheduled for overhaul and modernisation.

#### MODERNISATION

After serving with the fleet at sea for some months, the spokesman said the Midway would return to the Pacific coast for large-scale modernisation.

The two destroyer squadrons, designed for transfer to the Pacific, are based at Norfolk, Virginia, and Newport, Rhode Island.

The Navy spokesman said that for some years five destroyer squadrons had been involved in fairly frequent

### A MIGHTY FLEET

Washington, Sept. 14.

The United States has quietly assembled a mighty fleet in the Pacific spearheaded by 15 aircraft-carriers to deal with any sudden emergency in the Amoy, they would have an exceedingly difficult task.

It was made clear yesterday that the American battle units had been giving logistic support to the Nationalists on Quemoy since 1950 and were still doing so.

The Defence Department today declined to speculate on what action American commanders would take if they were shelled by shore batteries while sailing near Quemoy.

A Department spokesman said that the Joint Chiefs of Staff "had considered the matter" and it would be for them to plan and describe strategy in the area—if they wanted the Communists to know American plans.

#### SUPPORT 7TH FLEET

It was learned that a formidable part of this fleet was ready to support the units permanently assigned to the Seventh Fleet operation of guarding Formosa.

#### LOGISTIC SUPPORTS

A Defence Department spokesman said today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was free to bolster the defense of Quemoy with military equipment sent by the United States to Formosa.

United States military aid was going to Formosa "at a very steady pace," the spokesman said. He added that "to the knowledge of the Defence Department, material is not being sent to Quemoy by the United States."

But, he said, Chiang can use logistic support sent to Formosa to strengthen his Nationalist outpost on Quemoy if he wishes.

These statements were in response to questions about a published report that the U.S. 7th Fleet will provide logistic support (supplies and equipment) to Quemoy.

Other military sources said there was nothing to indicate the Chinese Nationalists on Quemoy—130 miles from their main stronghold on Formosa—were unable to handle the situation themselves in the face of Red artillery attacks or possible invasions attempts.

Sixty more Kikuyu terrorists were believed to be lurking after a 12-hour hunt by men of the security forces.

It was feared that the brief twilight and the approaching darkness might allow two or three unauthorized persons to infiltrate the best security forces of the best fighters they have had to offer.

Nine terrorists have been killed in the past few days and the head of the gang has been eliminated.

### Troops Surround Top Mau Mau Chief

Nairobi, Sept. 14. British troops, police, Kikuyu guards and armoured cars tonight ringed the Magugu forest, 20 miles from here, in an attempt to kill or capture the Mau Mau's top commander — "Field Marshal" Dedas Kimatni.

Within the 20 square mile tangled forest, spotter planes patch of jungle the scar-faced directed the ground forces which Kimatni and a gang, estimated to number between 50 and 100,

were believed to be lurking after a 12-hour hunt by men of the security forces.

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In Washington—American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, is considering flying to London this weekend to hold talks with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Eden. In Bonn—The West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer announced he would meet Mr Dulles in the near future. Dr Adenauer also told his parliamentary supporters today that Mr Eden had fully supported his claim for full German sovereignty.

In Paris—Mr. Eden arrives from Rome in a bid to get French support for a new scheme to bring West Germany into European Defence. He is on the last lap of his "Little Europe" tour and he already has the backing of five West European nations for his plan—a seven-nation defence system with Britain playing an equal part alongside the continental powers. He will report on his findings to a special meeting of the 14-nation North Atlantic Council called for Thursday morning.

Washington, Sept. 15. Mr John Foster Dulles is considering flying to London over the weekend to discuss rearming West Germany, a suspension of the occupation status and after the arrangement of West Germany's defence relationship with the West, the Federal Republic would free remaining the limitations which were contained in the defunct EDC treaty.

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Mr. Eden's visit had had the purpose of sounding out various possible ways of rearming Germany, Dr. Adenauer said.

The official said that Mr. Dulles had not yet made a firm decision but was giving "serious consideration" to a flying visit to London to discuss with Mr. Anthony Eden the plans put forward to grant sovereignty to the Republic of West Germany and bring West German forces into an integrated European defence.

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The United States has not yet committed itself to a specific course of action to find a substitute for the defunct European Defence Community treaty which France failed to ratify.

EDEN'S SUPPORT

Bonn, Sept. 14. Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, told his Parliament supporters today that Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, had fully supported his claim to full German sovereignty.

Dr. Adenauer said the occupation should be ended by an allied declaration and not by

the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

The period of active service will be counted from February 1, 1955.

Eligible citizens, who constitute the only man-power or only son of a family, will be deferred.

The order also stipulated that those who are deprived of political rights, according to the law, should not be called up.—Reuters.

### Daring Bank Robbery

Albuquerque, New Mexico, Sept. 14.

A man wearing army fatigues robbed the branch of the Bank of New Mexico, of more than \$11,000 today, in a daring daylight hold-up.

New Mexico State policemen and the sheriff's office immediately set up road blocks leading out of the city.

Sheriff deputies arrested an airman driving near the scene of the hold-up, but later released him. Sheriff Harold Hildell said the airman was picked up by a car which identified as having been used to drive away during the hold-up.

"In this condition, it is impossible to ask how such declarations can be compatible with the participation of Britain and France in the aggressive military bloc,"—United Press.

### Oil Pact Delay

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# FAIRBANKS IS TO ABDICATE

Show business is no business for a man who wants to shine as a diplomat

By GEORGE WATSON

**F**ILM idols are usually deposed—or retired. Douglas Fairbanks, like Garbo, is abdicating. At 46, as handsome, charming and modest as ever, he is planning to leave show business. For him there is greater magic in Big Business.

He may make one farewell film, but even that is not certain. And today, I can reveal that Fairbanks also intends to give up his present job; the day by day running of the British National Studios at Elstree where he makes commercial TV films for America.

He intends to devote himself to more formidable matters: International affairs, the balance of trade and... popcorn.

Popcorn is today providing him with part of his livelihood. From his TV films, he earns nothing. They have made \$300,000 for Britain—but nothing for Fairbanks so far. They cost that much to produce.

A man who loses away a throne—even if it does come from the prop department—is bound to be a baffling figure. Why is Fairbanks doing it? Fairbanks himself doesn't know.

He has not had the time, he says, to be an introvert. So he doesn't know what makes his own wheels go round.

But I have just spent two hours riding out of his house in Kensington, where the Queen dined with him.

## Contradictions

What is the truth about Fairbanks the socialist, actor and tycoon? My conversation with him revealed certain contradictions in his make-up.

"I am not a socialist, though I seem to have got the reputation for being one," says Fairbanks. "I have some very good friends who happen to be in so-called Society, but Society no longer is a bore and holds no fascination for me."

YET... at his right hand, on the enormous desk in his study, are to be found Debrett and Burke's Peerage. And the Bible. Also Auslan copies with one and two heads, a signet stamp with his own personal crest.

"I do not go out much," he says; "perhaps once a month on an average. Often I do not get home from the studios until nine—and have my dinner brought in on a tray in here while I'm working."

"Going into society is a full-time occupation, and I haven't

the time or inclination for it. When I accept an invitation from someone it is because the people happen to be friends or with the same interests as myself. I also have friends who are quite undistinguished and star from famous."

YET... on the walls of his study are autographed photographs of the late King, Queen Mary, Winston Churchill, Mr. Truman. The undistinguished friends are not represented. Asked to give an example of an undistinguished friend, he can only think of an all-in wrestler from Blackfriars whom he knew 20 years ago. He met him with Lord Granville.

"I am not wealthy," he says. "I did not inherit a fortune from my father. He lost most of it in the depression. But I manage to keep ahead of the balliffs. Just barely."

## California, too

YET... he has a palatial house in California and his place in Kensington is hardly a cottage. His inter-com, house telephone system has ten extensions. His chauffeur drives him to parties in a Cadillac or a Rolls-Royce. He is "intimately connected with three business companies" and "connected by association with four others." These have to do with anything from ships to sealing-wax.

Well, why does a film star like Fairbanks abdicate? Not, as has wickedly been suggested, because he needs more time to put on his medals and decorations of an evening.

I think the clue was contained in his answer to one of my questions.

## Off the roof

He was telling me about his recent visit to Turkey, where he was the President's guest, as a semi-official representative of the American State Department.

"Do you find that the heads of State take seriously the advice of a man renowned for swinging over rooftops with a cutlass in his mouth?" I asked.

"Well," he said, "they didn't always. But they've had quite a long time to get accustomed to me now."

Mr. Fairbanks is clearly very anxious for his semi-official diplomatic activities to be taken,

with perfect seriousness.

Even at the cost of staying off those rooftops and permanently sheathing his cutlass,



REPORTING... AN INCIDENT DURING THE GILES FAMILY'S PROGRESS ALONG THE ROAD TO THE HIGHLANDS.

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**SEFTON DELMER** is on his way through the Iron Curtain into East Germany. He will report all that he sees going on in Red territory, one of the flash-points of Europe. Today he sends a provocative eve-of-departure message from the West zone.

# When A Schoolboy Dares To Protest Against Rearming

.. .The spirit of the orthodox Prussian drill sergeant is rising like a Phoenix from its ashes. We had thought them branded and banished for all time, these circles who are the true bearers of militarism.

the Prussian military system.

"Nothing indicates," he concludes, "that the present propagandists of soldiering are seeking to bring about a real change in this system."

Yes, it is quite clear Klaus and his friends, hundreds of thousands of other Germans, do not like the idea of a new German Army.

## The Robot

KLAUS goes on to attack the degradation of the individual soldier and citizen to a mechanical robot under

schoolboys are permitted to speak out against them."

What will things be like if and when the militarists get their army?

The legal document consists of excerpts from a 40-page indictment in which the German Attorney-General accuses two former Nazis of having met friends around a beer table to conspire with them for the restoration of National Socialism in Germany in defiance of the Constitution.

## The Plot

YES, it is out at last. Here it is, the final product of the great investigation conducted first by the British then by the Germans into the alleged Nazi plot.

## The Talk

BUT the most alarming note of all is contained in the radio talk by the Chancellor. First, he fulminated that Germany must have an army of her own and that she cannot be denied her rights by a mere handful of 100 French Communist deputies; then went out of his way to turn down an immediate Four-Power conference with the Russians.

"Such a conference," he said, "will either produce no result at all or it will lead to a conclusion very unfavourable to Germany."

I call that very plain speaking. What the man implies is that such a Four-Power conference leads to an agreement between the Russians and the Western Powers. It would (1) mean the end of the German military clique's ambition to revive a German Army; and (2) limit the ability of would-be Blitzkriegs like himself to build Germany once more into a dominant world Power.

NOW the world's best hope today is precisely that West and East should agree to ban the revival of a German Army in both the East and the West zones.

The Russians have already declared their readiness to reduce the police army in their zone to proportion which would dispel Western fears of it.

Such an agreement could then be made the basis for the withdrawal of both Russians and Westerners from the occupation of Germany. It would become the nucleus of the ultimate re-unification of Germany.

In Cologne, the father of the German Foreign Minister, Dr. Walter Ulbricht, has recently returned to the city. He is the author of the book "Germany Under Hitler" and has been invited to speak at a meeting of the German People's Congress.

# NATHANIEL GUBBINS

B EING a further instalment of the Unintelligent Woman's Guide to Cricket.

Question: Why are they coming off the field before they're all out?

Answer: The captain has declared dear.

Q.: Why?

A.: Well, dear, they have made 203 for seven in their second innings, and it's now half past three on the last day of the match.

Q.: What's that got to do with it?

A.: Well, dear, the other side need 185 to win and the captain of the betting side doesn't think they can make that number of runs in the time including the ten interval.

Q.: You mean he's cheating?

A.: Of course I don't dear.

Q.: Is it easy to make all those runs in that time?

A.: Not very, dear.

Q.: Has it ever been done before?

A.: Not often, dear. But it's a sporting chance.

Q.: I don't call it sporting. Why not cut out the tea interval?

A.: That all want their tea, dear.

Q.: It's just like your office. Everything stops for tea. Would the other side rather lose the match than miss their tea?

A.: That's hardly the point, dear.

Q.: Wouldn't it be more sporting if the captain who has declared offered to go without tea so that his opponents had more time to make the runs?

A.: You don't understand.

Q.: I do understand.

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Q.: I do understand.



## Colony Ladies' Tennis Championships

# IT'S A CASE OF THE OLD FAMILIAR FACES IN THE QUARTER-FINALS

With the quarter-finals of the Colony Ladies' Singles Championship finished at the L.R.C. last evening this event begins to assume an aspect strongly reminiscent of that song about the old (figuratively speaking, of course, on account of it's a ladies' tournament) familiar faces.

However, there is a little imp in every tournament follower which makes him hope for the outsider to come bursting through, no matter whether it is in horse-racing where many people have a financial interest in the long shot, or in tennis, where, we hope, betting is not universal.

Anyway, last evening, in the majority of the ties it was the favourites who came through and we must wait for the semi-finals to see if there is a giant-killer in the Colony this year.

The match between Mrs K. H. Ip and Mrs M. Pepperall on the sand court finished at 6/2, 0/2 in favour of Mrs Ip who, despite a gallant struggle by her opponent, used her tournament experience and, we

suspect, the practice which she gets against her husband and the other South China stars, to good effect.

Behind the stands Mrs M. Chow beat Mrs G. D. Malden with the loss of one set game of M.W.H. Calvert and F.C. Stuckey, while, tucked away on Court 7, Solly Saul noted that the Court and not the stop-netting was the place for the ball to land so that he was able to advance one stage in the Men's Singles at the expense of P.V. Shawe.

And so to the quarter finals of the Colony Ladies' Doubles this evening which should give us at least three very close games and, maybe, a surprise result or two, or three.

### THE RESULTS

The following were the results:

#### Colony Ladies' Singles

Mrs P. Eyles beat Miss G. Lo 6-4, 6-0.

Mrs M. Chow beat Mrs G. D. Malden 6-2, 6-1.

Mrs K. H. Ip beat Mrs M. Pepperall 6-2, 6-2.

Mrs A. Philip beat Mrs A. C. Thompson 6-1, 6-2.

S. Saul beat P. V. Shawe 6-3, 6-1.

#### Club Ladies' Doubles

Mrs Prophet and Mrs Canters beat Mrs Harrison and Mrs Crofton 6-2, 6-0.

Mr and Mrs Getz beat Mr Halibut and Mrs Hill 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Mr and Mrs Chetham beat Mr and Mrs Lubeseder 4-6, 6-7, 6-4.

#### TOMORROW'S MATCHES

The following are the games in the L.R.C. Tennis Tournament to be played tomorrow:

Colony Mixed Doubles Championship—(Quarter Finals):

H. Hooman & Miss A. Philip v L. T. Lee & Mrs P. Eyles.

(Court 3): E. Tsai & Mrs M. Chow v Dr S. Saul.

To & Mrs A. C. Thompson (Court 4): Mr & Mrs K. H. Ip v Dr. M. Ribeiro &

Mr M. Ramehand (Court 5):

K. Choy & Mrs G. Lo v

L. Boon Sing & Miss U. Khoo (Court 6).

L.R.C. Ladies' Singles Championship—Mrs G. D. Malden v Mrs D. Madgett (Court 6).

L.R.C. Men's Singles Handicap—Mr. P. Webster & A. Beckmeyer (Court 2); C. G. Hobbs v J. Riviere (Court 7).

L.R.C. Ladies' Doubles Handicap—Mrs C. R. Getz & Miss J. Comessall v Mrs A. Beckmeyer & Mrs H. Sordman.

(Court 9): Mrs A. I. Harrison & Mrs Osborne v Mrs J. Lawrence & Mrs E. Hoar (Court 10).

IRC Mixed Doubles Handicap—Mr & Mrs J. Crofton v G. de Roos & Mrs Preau (Court 11).

#### FRIDAY

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Mrs K. H. Ip v Miss A. Philip (Court 4).

Colony Ladies' Plate—Mrs M. Pepperall v Miss D. Madgett (Court 2);

Mrs A. C. Thompson (Court 3);

Mrs G. Lo v Mrs G. D. Malden (Court 6);

Miss J. Lambooy v Mrs M. Ramehand (Court 8).

L.R.C. Men's Singles Championship—W. H. Williams v M. Heenan (Court 7).

L.R.C. Mixed Doubles Championship—W.O. & Mrs J. Crofton/Dr J. Gray & Mrs Osborne v Mr & Mrs D. L. Prophet (Court 9).

L.R.C. Mixed Doubles Handicap—Mr & Mrs G. P. Norton v Mr & Mrs J. M. Tress (Court 10);

Carlisle U. 3—Bradford 2—Tranmere R. 0—Chesterfield 0—Reuter.

#### SATURDAY

L.R.C. Men's Doubles Championship—P. H. Simon & F. G. Lonne v H. Eggenberger & H. Hackmack (Court 3);

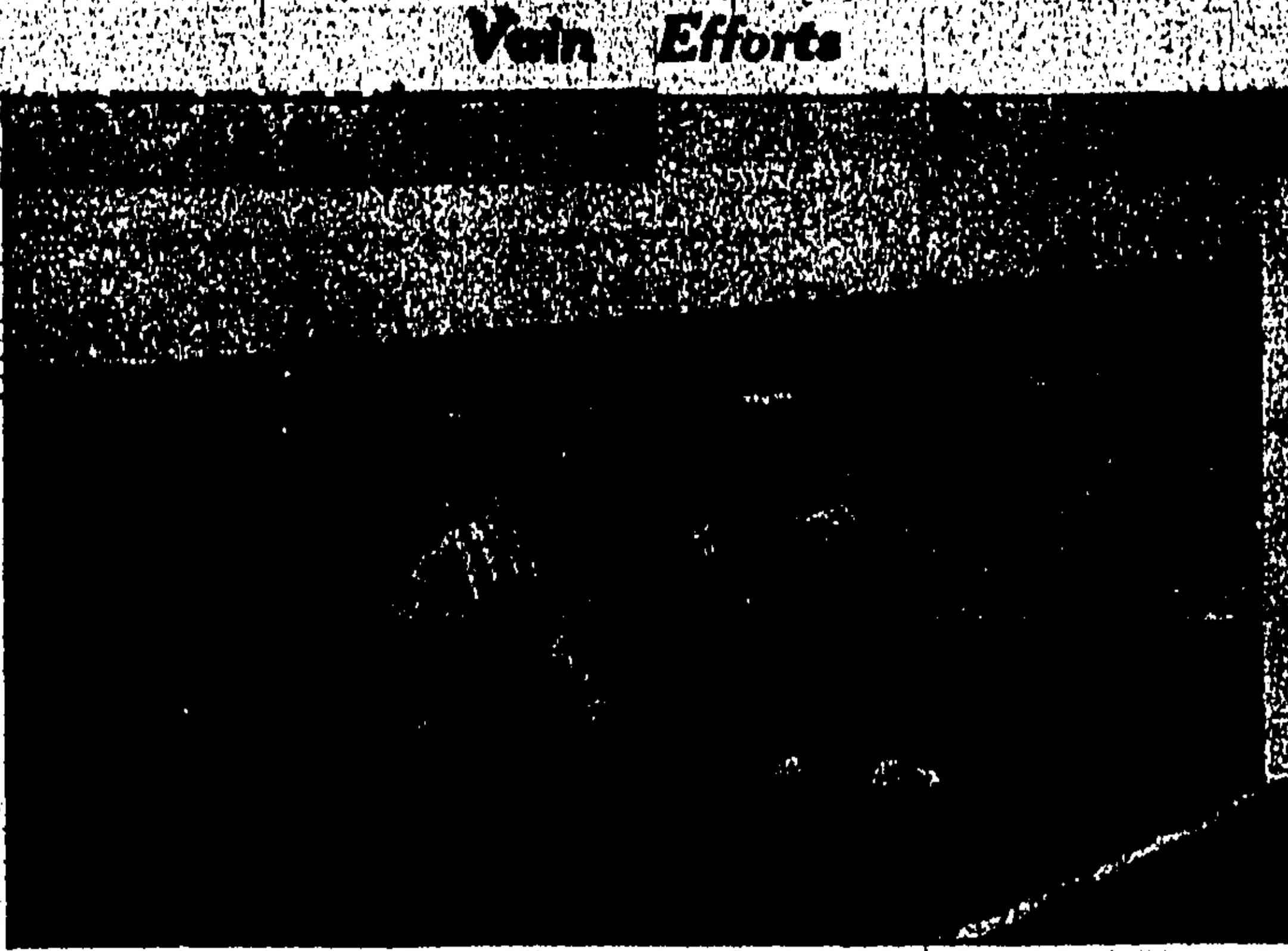
R. W. Wheeler & C. U. Hobbs v G. P. Norton & H. E. Alers (Court 4);

S. Saul & W. L. Griffiths v J. Riviere & J. Hailebos (Court 5).

L.R.C. Mixed Doubles Championship—P. H. Calvert & Mrs A. D. Kite v R. W. Wheeler & Mrs A. I. Harrison (Court 6);

A. Philip & Mrs L. Lett & Miss L. Lawrence (Court 7); B. G. Weidorn & Miss D. Madgett v Mr & Mrs F. S. Bishop (Court 10);

P. V. Shawe & C. G. Hobbs v Mrs A. C. Thompson (Court 11).



Both the goalkeeper's effort in staving off the goal and that of Leeds United's centre-forward J. Vickers in scoring the goal were in vain during the FA league match between Leeds United and Lincoln. Lincoln won by 3-2.

## Two Major Upsets In SW Pacific Coast Tennis

Los Angeles, Sept. 14.  
Two unseeded foreigners, Luis Ayala of Santiago, Chile, and Keiji Kono of Japan today upset a veteran Art Larsen and Ted Schroeder. In the second round of the Pacific Southwest tennis tournament singles play.

Larsen was seeded fourth among the home players but he fell before Ayala, 7-5, 0-3 in one of the major upsets thus far of the tournament. Schroeder, a former Davis Cup star, was unseeded because he had not competed in a tournament play this year. The Japanese Davis Cup player defeated him in straight sets also, 6-4, 0-7.

The rest of the seeded players got by the second round without incident. Vic Selwyn of Philadelphia defeated Atsushi Miyagi of Japan 6-4, 6-1. Billy Talbert of New Orleans defeated Roger Becker, London, 6-8, 6-2. Gill Sheu (US) defeated Abe Segal of South America 6-4, 6-0.

Among the Australians, Rex Hartwig defeated Myron Franks, Beverly Hills, 7-5, 9-7; Ken Rosewall defeated Jacques Guly, Los Angeles, 4-6, 8-6; and Lewis Hoad defeated Jon Douglas, Santa Monica, Calif., 6-1, 6-2.

In other men's singles matches, Sven Davidson (Stockholm) defeated Robert Perry (Los Angeles) 6-1, 6-4; Jack Frost (US) defeated Owen Williams (London) 6-2, 6-2; Lenart Bergelin (Stockholm) defeated Richard Doss (Los Angeles) 6-3, 7-5; and Ashley Cooper (Australia) defeated Bernard Bartzen (San Antonio, Texas) 6-3, 7-5.

In women's singles play, Miss Louise Brough (US) defeated Marilyn Joseph (Los Angeles) 6-0, 8-1; Miss Nell Hopman (Australia) defeated Miss Elizabeth Lester (Los Angeles), 6-1, 0-1; Miss Dorothy Chenefield (Santa Monica) defeated Miss Ida Schnall (Los Angeles), 6-0, and Miss Mary Ann Ellerberger (San Diego, Calif.) defeated Miss Anne Shilcock (London), 6-1, 6-1.

In men's doubles, Schroeder and Hartwig defeated Roger Becker and John Barrett (England), 6-3, 6-4, while Hoad and Rosewall defeated Kamo and Miyagi, 6-0, 6-6.—United Press.

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## INTERNATIONAL SOCCER PLAYER SUSPENDED

Glasgow, Sept. 14.  
Willie Woodburn, Glasgow Rangers and Scotland soccer centre-half, has been suspended sine die the Scottish Football Association Referees Committee announced today.

Woodburn was sent off the field during the Rangers League Cup game against Stirling Albion on Aug. 23.

It was Woodburn's fourth appearance before the committee, who warned him in October last year that they would take an extremely serious view of any further offences. He was then suspended for six weeks. Previous to this he had been severely punished and warned and had also received a three-week suspension.

Woodburn, 34, has made 11 international appearances for Scotland and has scored 10 goals.

## Visit Efforts

## THE GAMBOLES



## Charles Gets Fourth Try To Regain Heavyweight Crown

New York, Sept. 15.

Sluggard Rocky Marciano will risk his heavyweight crown and perfect record again tonight (Wednesday). If weather permits, in a return fight with slickster Ezzard Charles, the first man ever given three chances to recapture the heavy title.

Although occasional showers are forecast for today, the Weather Bureau predicted "cloudy but dry" for fight time at 2:30 a.m. GMT Thursday. In case of rain the bout will be postponed to Thursday night.

Promoter Jim Norris hoped for another \$500,000 gate at Yankee Stadium, where Marciano and Charles met in a thrilling battle on June 17.

As the fighters came into the city today from their training camps in the New York Catskills, 30-year-old Rocky was favoured for his fourth defence at 6-1 over 33-year-old Ezzard. Before their first 15-rounders in June, the champ was the choice at 3 1/2 to one.

The bout will be broadcast nationally and in Canada, also to Puerto Rico in Spanish, and the armed services overseas.

Rocky, the swarthy, brawny son of a former Brockton shoemaker, seeks his 4th straight professional victory and his 41st knockout.

The heavy division's first perfect-record champion won a unanimous 15-round decision over the streamlined Cincinnati Negro in June, but Charles claimed that a ninth-round blow in the throat nearly throttled him and caused his defeat.

**MERCiless BEATING**

Charles, who held the title from June, 1949, to July, 1951, suffered a merciless beating in the closing rounds. The crowd of 47,285, who paid \$443,082 marvelled that the game exchanges could remain on his feet while his face was being battered.

Only six of the 17 men who wore the heavyweight crown between John L. Sullivan and Marciano made successful fourth defences. They were Jim Jeffries, Tommy Burns, Jack Johnson, Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis and Charles.

But neither Sullivan nor any of the 17 that followed him ever regained the title after losing it or giving it up. Eight tried. Only Bob Fitzsimmons, Max Schmeling, Louis, Walcott and Charles Corbett tried to recapture it twice. Charles is the first to get three chances. He tried previously to get it back from Walcott and from Rocky.

An official stated today that it is almost certain that Denis Compton, the England batsman, will be fit for the tour.

He is remaining in England to continue treatment of the knee which has been causing him trouble for some time. It is expected that he will be out to join them in the middle of next month.

The first fixture for the tourists against the West Australian Country side is on October 11 and 12.

The official MCC party, 18 players and 3 officials, meet here tonight prior to their departure.—Reuter.

## HKFA Coaching Classes Begin On Sept. 17

Final arrangements have now been made for the running of coaching classes for sportsmen and teachers interested in soccer.

These lessons shall be held every Friday, as from Sept. 17, at the Hongkong Football Association's Council Room, Sports Road, Happy Valley, from 4 to 5 p.m. (The centre of the South wing of the Hong Kong Football Club Stadium).

All sportsmen who have already submitted their names for this coaching scheme and any others who have not yet done so are requested to turn up on time on Friday at the venue above mentioned.

The coaching scheme for schoolboys which has been in operation for the past few months is suspended until further notice.

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their best shots:

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the line or cross court. It's  
southpaw Drobny of Egypt, the  
new Wimbledon champ, Budgie  
Patty is runner-up.

Top-spin forehand drive—  
Vic Seixas of Philadelphia,  
foremost employer of spins in  
the game today, can mix deep  
shots with sharply angled  
quicksies just out of reach of a  
net-rusher.

Forehand chop—Gardnar  
Mulloy of Miami, who uses it as  
a change of pace, on approach  
shots into the net, keeping the  
ball low. Runner-up is Art  
Larsen of San Leandro, Calif.,  
who learned it from Mulloy  
in countless duels.

Forehand drive, volley—Lew  
Hoad of Australia, who hits a  
blaster with no comeback any-  
time he gets within reaching  
distance of a shoulder-high ball.  
Runner-up, Tony Trabert of  
Cincinnati.

Slop volley—Seixas. His  
ball drops dead with little  
bounce. Second best is little  
Ken Rosewall of Australia.

Forehand lob—Mulloy on  
defence and Trabert on offence.  
Trabert uses his as a surprise  
stroke like a quick kick in  
football.

Backhand flat drive—Rose-  
wall, who has perfect anticipa-  
tion and makes it look easy.  
Backhand top-spin drive—  
Trabert is a treat to watch  
pounding shoulder-high balls  
off his backhand side. He often  
uses it on return of service,  
forcing the server into errors.  
Runner-up is Hoad with Rex  
Hartwig of Australia third.

Backhand chop—Seixas. He  
plays it on the rise and can  
make the ball bounce to the  
right or left at will.

Backhand half-volley—Seixas  
again. Often uses it on a  
daring trip to the net. Hoad is  
second, Trabert third and Rose-  
wall fourth.

Backhand drive-volley—Trabert,  
Drobny, Rosewall.

Backhand stop-volley—Seixas  
has the best—when it's working.  
Hoad, Kur Nielsen of Denmark  
and Patty are experts too.

Backhand lob—Mulloy is the  
best at this. He can play it so  
cowd you can't tell when he is  
going to hit one, swinging with  
the same motion as his drive  
until the very last second. Trabert  
and Rosewall do it well,  
though not quite as well as  
Gardnar.

Best average of first serves in  
court—Trabert, Hoad.

Most powerful serve—Hoad,  
by good margin.

Harshest worker—Drobny.

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said Bosley, "you can't hope to  
match any of the best shots of  
the world's best shotmakers."

United Press.

## Eastman, Simpson Score Big Win In Open Pairs

A. L. G. Eastman and W. C. Simpson of Kowloon Bowling Green Club became the last pair to qualify for the semi-final of the Colony Pairs lawn bowls Championship when they overcame the KCC combination of J. N. Wong and W. Hong Sling at Recreio yesterday by 34-12.

Both Eastman and Simpson played superb bowls throughout and literally walked away with the game.

The remaining singles quarter-final match between G. C. Norman and G. Gutierrez will be played off this afternoon at the KCC green.

The semi-final draw of the singles and pairs will be held this evening at a meeting of the Management Committee of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association.

## Soviet Union Regains Lead In Int'l Chess

Amsterdam, Holland, Sept. 14.  
The Soviet Union recaptured  
the lead of the end of the second  
round of the finals of the Interna-  
tional Chess Tournament here  
today, and Canada remained on  
top in the consolation group.

With only one match—the  
Bent-Austria, versus A. Nielsen,  
Denmark, next—readjourned,  
general standings were:

Soviet Union: 1. Soviet Union, 11  
points; 2. Yugoslavia and Israel, 5  
points; 3 and 4. Yugoslavia and  
Israel, five and a half points; 5.  
R. Argentina, four points; 6.  
Holland, four and a half points;  
7. Czechoslovakia and  
Hungary, four points; 8, 9 and  
10. Britain, Bulgaria and Iceland,  
three points; 11. Sweden, two  
points; 12. West Germany, 1½  
points; 13. United States.



## SPORTS SURVEY

### An Iraqi Lad Joins The Bristol Rovers

By ALL-ROUNDER

Thanks to a group of Royal Air Force officers serving at Habbaniyah, Iraq, a nineteen-year-old Iraqi footballer has joined English League Second Division club Bristol Rovers for a long trial period.

He is Yousef Ashaya, a clerk employed on the permanent staff at Habbaniyah and the star in-form forward of the Station soccer XI for several years.

F/Lt. Weston, a Bristolian employed on ferrying aircraft between Britain and the Middle East, and an ardent Rovers fan, wrote glowingly to Manager Bert Tann of the lad's possibilities.

Mr Tann answered that it was not the club's policy to employ foreigners on their playing staff, but the Station officers clubbed together to pay his fare and his expenses in England, and the club eventually agreed to put him through his paces. Yousef has now arrived at the Etville ground where he will work in the office and train with the rest of the staff. It is the first time he has left his native country.

**LEEDS PRESENTATION TO LEWIS JONES.** An inscribed gold watch was presented by the Leeds Rugby League club to Lewis Jones, their great Welsh and Great Britain back, to mark his feat of scoring a record 278 points during the tour of Australia and New Zealand.

**THROSTLES IN BRUSSELS CHARITY FESTIVAL.** Along with three of the best club teams in Europe, West Bromwich Albion are to take part in a soccer charity festival in Brussels on Wednesday, October 13. Invitations have also been extended to Honved, the Army "A", made the highest Team Score and thus won 2 points for their Team. The Hongkong Police Team was short of one man, but in spite of this, obtained 93½ points and was placed last in the order of merit. If they had a full Team, they would easily have beaten their opponent, the Hongkong Special Constabulary whose score was 1,029.

## RESULTS

Army "A".—Gardner 108; Brewer 107; James 100; Morgan 106; Hancock 101; White 100. Total 1,108.

Royal Air Force.—Low 197; Greenwood 197; Bibby 190; Baldwin 190; Stubbs 186; Whitaker 183. Total 1,143.

R.H.K.D.F.—"A"—Souza 198; Rosario 189; Remedios 177; Costa 187; Hyndman 182; Pereira 170. Total 1,141.

R.H.K.D.F.—Mabel Wong 190; David Wong 186; Lena Young 184; Magdalene Lau 191; Wong 194; C. K. Wong 108. Total 1,136.

Royal Navy.—Jenkinson 194; Harris 192; Solomon 188; Beal 188; Maidstone 180; Neale 181. Total 1,129.

H.K.P. Reserve.—Wm. Eu 200; K. C. Ho 195; Martin 190; Wong 188; Y. Young 185; F. W. Ko 180; S. K. Shiu 180. Total 1,129.

Army "B"—Loose 190; Williams 189; Harding 188; Reeves 185; Li Choi 181; Stephens 177. Total 1,100.

R.H.K.D.F. "B"—Gutierrez 191; Lemay 186; Jones 186; Golikovsky 174; A. A. Noronha 169; C. A. Noronha 167. Total 1,073.

H.K.P. (S.C.)—Stevens 188; Gibbons 181; Sadick 180; Balcerz 170; Scores 189; W. K. Ng 141. Total 1,029.

H.K. Police—Kapovich 197; K. F. Wong 191; W. G. Gillies 186; Russell 183; C. C. Chan 180. Total 939.

## Kramer's PI Tour Finalised

Manila, Sept. 14.  
Arrangement for a visit here by Jack Kramer and his professional tennis entourage is being completed in New York by the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation (PAAF) Vice-President Manuel Ellizalde, it was reliably learned last night.

Mr. Ellizalde, in a wire to PAAF, said that he and Kramer already agreed on the terms and conditions of the trip and the only hitch remaining was the dates of the series of games.

Kramer's trip here will add impetus to the forthcoming tennis boom here with the projected visit by the Swedish Davis Cup team in December.

The visit of such top-ranking world tennis professionals and amateurs is expected to prepare the Philippine team for its challenge for the Davis Cup next year—France-Press.

With only one match—the Bent-Austria, versus A. Nielsen, Denmark, next—readjourned, general standings were:

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points; 13. United States.



The top spot on the parade this week is reserved for an important appeal. The Army Rugby Association requires referees to take charge of inter-unit and international games during the incoming season.

There is certain to be a heavy list of engagements and the Secretary of the Rugby Association will be glad to hear from qualified and experienced officials. Names of those willing to offer their services should be forwarded to Major R. J. P. Blyth, RAMC, c/o Medical Branch, HQLF (Tel. 34121 Ex. 325).

The Hongkong Army Football Referees Association is holding its second examination for potential referees at the Education Centre in Victoria Barracks on Saturday, September 18, at 8.30 a.m.

According to reports it was a good average standard. Hongkong has played better on many other occasions but they had no complaints about the officials for the game was well handled by a competent referee from the Royal Air Force.

It is pointed out that although this is being sponsored by the Army Referees Association members of the other Services and interested civilians who feel that they have the necessary knowledge are welcome to present themselves for examination.

Candidates are asked to report to the Guard Room at the East entrance to Victoria Barracks for further directions to the examination centre. It is expected that, with the season only a couple of weeks away, there will be a big turnout of potential whistlers.

The new records were as follows:

50 Metres Free Style...20.0 secs. (Lt. Livingston—Malaya)

50 Metres Breast Stroke...3.5 mins. (Sgt. T. T. Lee—Chong-hai—Singapore)

400 Metres Free Style...4 mins. 37 secs. (Sgt. Reeves—SPore)

100 Metres Back Stroke...1 min. 22 secs. (Sgt. H. H. H. Lee—Singapore)

100 Metres Free Style...1 min. 7.6 secs. (Pte. Adrian—S'pore)

500 Metres All Ranks Relay, 2 mins. 38.5 secs. (Sgt. H. H. Lee—Singapore)

200 Metres Free Style...2 mins. 38.2 secs. (Cpl. Tatler—UK)

50 Metres Free Style...20.0 secs. (Lt. Livingston—Malaya)

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Hong Kong, September 15, 1954.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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## CHINESE VOTE IN GENERAL ELECTION



The votes are counted at the Peking Municipal Congress which unanimously elected Mao Tse-tung; Liu Shao-chi and Chou En-lai.—Express Photo.

## German Parachute School May Be Opened Shortly

By A Special Correspondent

Muelheim, Ruhr, Sept. 14. The first West German parachute jumping school since World War II is likely to be opened here soon by a 34-year-old former Messerschmidt test pilot, Heinz Girneth.

Herr Girneth, who is now a salesman, flew in Goering's air force. He hopes to get Allied permission to resume the jumping which he did professionally before the war.

A fair-haired smiling man of medium height, he wants his parachuting to serve only peaceful purposes and sport.

Sitting in his small modern flat in a back-street block in this grimy industrial town, he told me that he is not interested in military affairs. "I have had my fill of that," he added emphatically.

"I have had 132 written inquiries from young people who want to jump, including two Frenchmen and one Canadian from the first Canadian Infantry Brigade group stationed at Soest near the Ruhr. We have had good wishes sent to us from all over the world, especially from New Zealand."

Herr Girneth, who wants to organise the jumps at Muelheim-Essen airport, said that he had recently helped to organise the jump of the first German to use a parachute deliberately in West Germany since the war. He is Herbert Immendorf, of Cologne, a prospective member of the Ginth "circus". He jumped from a hired aircraft on July 31 this year, and "it went off perfectly. No trouble at all."

Her Immendorf had secured a special Allied licence to jump, for parachuting has been forbidden by the Allies in West Germany since the war.

Herr Girneth is now organising his first parachute packing course—one of the most important things for a parachutist. If, exceedingly rarely, a parachute fails it is always the man's fault, never the

### Could Have Been Saved

He recalled that in several gliding accidents in West Germany recently—gliding is permitted by the Allies—some people could easily have been saved if they had parachutes and had known how to use them. He also believes that it must be possible to use parachutes in passenger planes. The snag, he says, is that passengers, at the very sight of a parachute, tend to become panicky and fear that something has gone wrong.

Some way should be found, he believes, for parachutes to be built into the seats of the passengers, which could then be ejected, complete with pas-

sengers, by the pilot, without the need to frighten passengers by first making them buckle on parachutes.

He is particularly enthusiastic about a new type of triangular parachute which was partly developed in Germany at the end of the war. It has since been completed by himself and a friend who is one of the world's veteran parachutists, Richard Kohnke. Kohnke, who lives near Heidelberg, has made 302 parachute descents.

The parachute is made of top quality perlon and is generally triangular in shape, but retains the usual ribbed pattern of the classic round parachute. The new one has no hole in the centre of the top, as the old ones have.

The new equipment has still to be fully tested and licensed in West Germany—Herr Girneth intends to do some of the test jumps himself. It is also intended to display it to the North Atlantic Treaty authorities when it is ready.

Herr Kohnke, who produces about 200 of these parachutes at his works near Heidelberg, went with a team to Spain last June to display them. He sells his entire production to Spain, Egypt, and Sweden.

Herr Girneth and his friends claim that the new parachute has almost no jerk as it unfolds. Its landing speed is considerably lower than that of the old parachutes, and that it is completely free of sway, even in high wind, thus enabling the parachutists to make an upright landing.

China Mail Special.

## Build New Towns For London In The Empire

London, Sept. 14. London's New Towns—designed by the Socialist Government to ease London's population problems—are not succeeding in their mission, says a Tory MP, Mr. Frederick Gough (Horsham).

Mr. Gough, a former paratrooper, who has the new town of Crawley in his constituency, has been making a study of the problem.

His answer: an ambitious plan to build new towns, not near London—but in Empire countries.

### WHAT HAPPENS?

Says Mr. Gough: "There is no doubt that some of the new towns are successful in themselves—Crawley is an outstanding example with its fine industrial estate and well laid-out housing neighbourhoods—but are they serving the purpose they were created for?"

"What happens when Londoners move from their houses and flats and come to places like Crawley? Almost immediately their old accommodation is filled by another family—in many cases immigrants from the North Country and the Midlands."

Mr. Gough has been making inquiries from Canadian and other Commonwealth sources in London.

The response has been quite surprising, he says. "We have had an overwhelming reception, whenever I have been. There are many areas in England which are being planned out but the term of an idea in them."

## TRADE AND COMMERCE SECTION

### FEDERATION RICE CONTROL

## Malaya Official Replies To The Economist

London, Sept. 14.

The Economist has published a letter from Mr. O. A. Spencer, member for economic affairs in the Federation of Malaya Administration, referring to "important omissions and misstatements of fact" in a recent article on Malaya's rice on August 28.

Mr. Spencer said it was incorrect to say, as the Economist did, that the Malayan Government had a monopoly of rice but tolerated a small free market.

He went on: "The Federation now grows more than 50 per cent of its rice requirements and the grower is free to dispose of this as he likes best (excepting to the terrorists of course)."

In addition there have usually been substantial quantities of "free" rice imported under licence, so that Government sales of rice have been between 30 and 40 per cent of the rice moving into consumption.

Thus in fact the "free market" has been accounting for between three-fifths and two-thirds of the consumption.

The real questions facing the Federation Government are: First, whether to keep a guaranteed minimum price for the local grower; second, whether to continue to hold a reserve stock; and third, when?

### CRITICAL MONTHS

"But these months (and they would be probably more than your article would imply) would be critical ones and would give the government time to (1) organise control of the local crop and rope it into the rationing scheme and (2) seek outside aid in the form of rice from more distant sources of supply perhaps even the restoration of IEFC."

"You say that the rice position has steadily improved" since the winding up of IEFC in 1949. The facts are that it got steadily worse from 1950 to 1952—from a consumer angle—with prices reaching fantastic levels.

"All the principal Asian countries were scrambling to buy rice on government to government contracts, and what was left over both in Southeast Asia and in other parts of the world, fetched even higher prices still."

### ONE TENTH

"Since the Federation's import account for less than one tenth of the world's export surplus, the abstention of the Federation Government from these official contracts could not have broken the sellers' market; it would merely have left its merchants (and consumers) to pay through the nose."

"I am also puzzled by your reference to the cost of special fees and licences to say nothing of a touch of corruption."

"The free market is largely subject to control and, for the rest, there are no licence or special fees for import of any significance. As for corruption, there was an integrity commitment in active session that would have welcomed any information you or anyone else could give them."

"Your endorsement, admittedly rather half-heartedly of the argument that the Government sticks to rice because 'the officials would lose their jobs' reads a little oddly in face of the Government's withdrawal from sugar and substantial reductions in staff and budget of the Supplies Department which have already taken place this year."

### OTHER COUNTRIES

"Finally, it seems to me remarkable that your article nowhere mentions the practice of the Governments of the other Asian countries which are traditional importers of rice. If it did, it would have to point out that they have all bought government to government contracts too, and that some of them (Ceylon, Japan, Indonesia, and India), have contracts which run ahead till 1950 or later—a policy which the Federation has never adopted."

"One outstanding factor in the improvement in the situation since 1953 has been the disappearance of India as a major importer. In 1953, the production of the principal importing countries jumped by over 4,000,000 tons compared with 1951/1952 end of this India accounted for about 8,000,000."

"This helps to bring into perspective the surplus of one and a half million. It is only about one per cent of Asia's output. It is to be hoped that it does not prove to be a passing mirage as well as a mirage."

Mr. Spencer wrote from London, Hampshire.—China Mail Special.

### NO INCREASE IN SYNTHETIC RUBBER PRICE

Washington, Sept. 14. Administrator Lawrence B. Robbins of the Federal Facilities Corporation said today that no price rise is contemplated in the price of synthetic rubber.

The Federal Facilities Corporation is the successor to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in handling synthetic rubber programmes and pricing for the Government.

Asked to comment on New York market rumours that a synthetic rubber price rise is imminent, Mr. Robbins told the United Press: "No rise is contemplated."

The Canadian Wheat Board reports that Ecuador bought 698,000 bushels during the week, Germany 393,000 bushels, and the Netherlands 377,000 bushels.

Other big buyers during the period included Japan, 323,000 bushels; Belgium, 321,000 bushels; Yugoslavia, 313,000 bushels; Philippines, 161,000 bushels; and Venezuela, 93,000 bushels.

## Ecuador The Main Buyer Of Canadian Wheat

Winnipeg, Sept. 14. Canadian sales under the International Wheat Agreement totalled 3,841,000 bushels in the week ending September 7, with Ecuador, Germany and the Netherlands the biggest buyers.

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Sept. 14. Stocks in the New York Exchange advanced today with industrial shares closed in new high ground despite later profit-taking.

### AUSTRALIAN WHEAT

Australian wheat was finding its best market in India, where sales to September 3 totalled 4,107,000 bushels, the Board reported. Brazil was the biggest buyer of United States wheat with purchases through September 3 totalling 7,300,000 bushels.

### OTHER COUNTRIES

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$340,710. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

### SHARERS BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS  
DHS Bank 1710 1720 10 1713

East Asia 100  
Underwriters 1000 1007 12

DOCKS, ETC.  
Dock 22.00  
President (O) 14.20 14.15 1000 14.20

Wheelock 7.00 7.00

LAND, ETC.  
HK Hotel 1010 10.70 1000 1015

HK Land 57  
Humphreys 29.00  
Underwriters 2.07 2.18

UTILITIES  
Tram 18.40 18.70 1000 18.50

Yamato Ferry 18.2  
C. Light (O) 10.20 10.15 1000 10.20

C. Light (N) 12.20 12.20

Electric XD 30.1 30.1 2000 30.1

Gas 26.1 26.1 532 2015

Cement 27.20 27.00 400 2015

STORES, ETC.  
Daily 24.70 25 300 24.70

Food 24.70 25 300 24.70

Waters 17.00 18

COTTONS  
Textile Corp. 7.10  
Nantong 10.20 10.40 2000 10.40

MISCELLANEOUS  
Allied 4.07 4.10 4000 4.00

Watson 17.00 18

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Others were unchanged.—United Press.

### London Foreign Exchange

London, Sept. 14.

New York 2.80/4.20 2.72/3.10 2.72/3.10 2.72/3.10

Amsterdam 10.01 10.10 10.01 10.10

Paris 11.73 11.73 11.73 11.73

Copenhagen 19.41 19.41 19.41 19.41

Stockholm 12.20 12.20 12.20 12.20

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

### Chicago Grain Market

Chicago, Sept. 14.

Rye futures led a rally in the grain list on the Board of Trade today, but the trend was irregular at the close. Market observers said that strength in the rye market both at Chicago and Winnipeg, reflected buying by traders who expect Western Germany to buy about four-million bushels of North American rye on Thursday. Half of the order is scheduled to go to the United States and half to Canada.

Brazil is due in the North American market on Friday for about four-million bushels of wheat, half from the United States and half from Canada.

Brazil is negotiating today for 13,700,000 bushels of US hard winter wheat in exchange for three strategic materials for the US Atomic Energy Commission.

Favourable crop prospects for corn, oats and soybeans continued to depress these markets.

Wheat closed off 5¢ to up 13¢ soybeans off 5¢ to up 13¢.

At Winnipeg, wheat was priced at 102 cents for No. 3 Northern, and for No. 5, it was at 150 cents per bushel.

Trading volumes and open interest in the Exchange today were:

Month Volume Open Interest

Oct. 12,100 183,300

Nov. 12,000 167,000

Dec. 18,000 220,000

Jan. 10,300 220,200

Total 233,300 2,500,000 bushels

### World Cotton Markets

New York, Sept. 14. Cotton prices rallied spiritedly at the close today to climax an otherwise quiet and mixed session.

Closing around the highs the list finished net unchanged to up 21 points. The market opened off 2 to 7 points. New Orleans closed unchanged to up 20 points.

Technicians thought the market's internal situation had been strengthened by the decline of around \$2 a bushel from the highs made after last week's low Government crop estimate.

Conversely, buyers were slow to follow advances above the previous close, pointing out that the season of heavy marketing looms directly ahead and they preferred to see how much cotton goes under the loan and what percentage flows into the "free" market.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

## Newcastle Parson Took Live Snake Into Pulpit

By H. King Wood

Sydney, Sept. 10.

Biggest legal shock for a long time was the withdrawal of the Leader of the Federal Opposition, Dr Evatt, from the Petrov Royal Commission on spying.

The Royal Commissioners withdrew his leave to appear for two members of his staff on the ground that his public office conflicted with his work as a counsel before the Commission.

What happened is only what has been freely tipped in legal circles over the last few weeks, for there is not the slightest doubt that the Commission assumed quite a different character with the appearance of the "Doc" before it.

Previously the Commission had proceeded along well defined lines, but Dr Evatt raised issues which brought it well into the political spotlight.

The day before his leave was withdrawn the "Sydney Sun" asked in an editorial: "Is this an inquiry by the Royal Commissioners or by Dr Evatt?"

Political circles say more will be heard of this yet.

### SERPENT IN PULPIT

Best public relations man of the week—Rev. A. H. Betteridge, of Newcastle Baptist Church.

This gentleman gave it out very early last week that on the following Sunday he would preach on the entry of the people into the Garden of Eden, to illustrate his point, proposed taking a live snake into the pulpit with him.

Result—Mr Betteridge got columns and columns of advance publicity—and a full church.

He kept his word about the snake. At the punch line of his sermon he pulled a five-foot carpet snake out of a bag and issued an invitation to anyone to handle it.

There were few takers.

A carpet snake, incidentally, grows to practically any length in this country, lives on rats, mice and various small field creatures, looks as repulsive as most snakes—but is quite harmless as far as humans are concerned.

### STILL WORKS AT 90

Working away in his Pitt Street legal office this week was Mr Harold Mcigan, one of the well known solicitors of this town. He planned to work on his usual last Friday, but a flood of telegrams, phone calls and callers somewhat upset his day.

Mr Mcigan was 90, but couldn't see any excuse in that to make him stop work.

His two young boys—aged 51 and 49 respectively—work in the office with him.



A few hundred miles away up the North Coast—Mrs Ida Olive Fitch walked out of Illawarra post office and closed the door on 52 years as postmistress.

She began at 17, finished at 69, started on 10/- a week and ended at £12.

### £1 FINE COST £120

A barrister said in the Sydney Supreme Court this week that a £1 fine would cost his client £120 in expenses. The barrister, Mr D. Milne, said the hearing had lasted 12 months and that witnesses in the action had wasted more than 90 working hours waiting for the case to start.

He sold the case had been before the court only five hours in the 12 months.

"If my client had pleaded guilty when the case started in June last year the cost would have been only small," Mr Milne said. "As it is, he has paid a premium for pleading not guilty."

As a matter of fact practically every solicitor around town advised motorists: up to six minor charges to plead guilty to get the matter out of the way.

They tell would-be clients that a defended case is very much like a radio serial—something that just goes on and on—and the longer it goes on the dearer become the costs, because police witnesses are transferred, civilian witnesses leave their jobs, moves—and in some cases die.

In short, if is to plead guilty to a wrong-doing, even if you feel you are innocent.

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# CHINA MAIL

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### This One Is Full Of Air



Some 12,000 men and 4000 vehicles are taking part in Exercise "London Pride"—on Salisbury Plain. The exercise—being carried out by the 36th (London) Armoured Division (T.A.) is designed to give the division practice in carrying out an approach march followed by an opposed crossing of the river and a break-out from the bridgehead—against an enemy known to be equipped with Atomic Bombs. The picture shows members of the Joint Concealment Centre—carry a blown-up rubber Centurion tank—during the manoeuvres.

## Bao Dai May Be Asked To Intervene In Vietnam Row

Saigon, Sept. 14.

Premier Ngo Dinh Diem was reliably reported tonight to have called on Emperor Bao Dai to intervene in a wrangle between the civil government and the Army, which threatens to throw the nation into a full political crisis.

The cleavage between the Army and the Cabinet was underlined in unmistakable terms again today when Army Chief of Staff General Nguyen Van Hinh rejected a Government demand to step down and leave Indo-China on the noon plane for Paris.

General Hinh, in a press conference, denounced Premier Diem for "partisan politics" and said the Army would continue to fight against Communist infiltration in the free southern section of the divided country.

Only a few days ago, everyone here was saying the playboy Emperor had lost all his influence. But today the same persons were finding him as the only unifying influence in this divided country, and thus the only man capable to resolve the seeming inextricable split.

General Hinh, 43-year-old son of a former Premier and his country's first native army commander, said his resolute refusal to leave, despite three direct orders had safeguarded the Army's unity for difficult days ahead and saved it from political fluctuations. He denied he acted from any personal reasons.

Colonel Barbero Carmelo, Superintendent of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, was yesterday relieved of his duties by the Army Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Jesus Vargas, in connection with involvement in the alleged smuggling of goods from Japan last year.

Also to be relieved of duties, according to General Vargas, will be Commander Santiago Nual of the Philippine Navy, who is chief of the Philippine procurement mission in Tokyo.

Nual has been ordered to come home immediately.

General Vargas said that their being relieved was merely "the beginning of a series of actions" he would take in the case.

General Vargas' statement did not conceal his opposition to the present Government as being neither strong nor popular.

It was reported that four ministers said they would resign if the dispute was not ended soon. A number of others said to be "very reserved" in their attitude.—United Press.

### EUROPEAN DEFENCE TALKS

(Continued from Page 1)

He gave no details of the Brussels pact method. He announced, however, that if West Germany were adopted into NATO, she would do all in her power to bring about an integrated community for the European armies.

MEET DULLES SOON

Dr Adenauer said he would meet the American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, "soon."

But he did not say when or where the meeting would take place.

### EDEN IN PARIS

Paris, Sept. 15. Mr Eden arrives here today from Rome in a bid to get French support for a new scheme to bring West Germany into European defence.

Mr Eden already has the backing of five West European nations for a seven-nation defence system, with Britain playing an equal part alongside the continental powers.

The plan—approved by Western Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—is to extend the 1948 Brussels treaty to Germany and Italy. This would be a first stage towards Germany's inclusion in NATO under a system of limitations of armed strength covering all European members.

But the crucial test will come in his talks with M. Pierre Mendes-France, the French Prime Minister, whom he meets this evening.

Many French opponents of EDC welcomed the Eden plan but pro-EDC Socialists said the nature of the Brussels treaty would not provide sufficient democratic control of German rearmament, and that subsequent admission of Germany to NATO was unacceptable.

The initial capital investment will be £5 million but it is believed that substantially greater sums will be sunk in the long run once it is fully established.

### Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 8 p.m. Signal and Program Summary, 8.00, "Lucky Dip Variety Requests" presented by Margarita (studio); 7.15, "Folk Songs and Music"; 7.15, "Orchestra"; 7.30, "Variety Show"; 7.45, "Weather Report"; 8.15, "Time Signal and World News" (London Relay); 8.15, "Radio Democracy"; 8.30, "A Talk by Sir Rose (Recorded); 8.15, Sonatas for Violin and Piano (Devil's Trill) by René Leibowitz, Muriel (Violin) and Arthur Balsam (Piano); 8.30, Recital by René Kweon (Mezzo-soprano) with piano accompaniment by Donald Parker; 8.45, "Music Review"; 9.15, "Time Signal"; 9.30, "Wednesday Night".

"The Hopkins Manuscript" (part 1) by R. C. Sheriff. Dramatised version by K. Korda, produced by Ray Lytton and Donald Gellatly for the Hongkong Stage Club; Cast: Edgar Hopkins—Ray Ollerton; Pauline Hopkins—Doris; Robert Parker—Horn Sullivan; Crispin Sheridan; Prime Minister—Richard Fowler; Major Blackmore—Donald Macmillan; Mrs. Blackmore—Kerr Driver; Hon. Westcott—Alec; John Wallace—Motor Cyclist—Dennis John; Woman's Voice—Jan Phillips; Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins—René Kweon; 10. London Studio Melodrama—Bernard Monihan and his Concert; Tango Orch.; 10.30, "One Night Stand"; 10.45, "Weber's Tales"; 11.15, "Radio News Flash" (London Relay); 11.30, "Comics"; 11.45, "Glimpses of Life"; 12.00, "London Studio Melodrama"; 12.30, "London Studio Melodrama"; 12.45, "London Studio Melodrama"; 1.00, "London Studio Melodrama"; 1.15, "London Studio Melodrama"; 1.30, "London Studio Melodrama"; 1.45, "London Studio Melodrama"; 2.00, "London Studio Melodrama"; 2.15, "London Studio Melodrama"; 2.30, "London Studio Melodrama"; 2.45, "London Studio Melodrama"; 3.00, "London Studio Melodrama"; 3.15, "London Studio Melodrama"; 3.30, "London Studio Melodrama"; 3.45, "London Studio Melodrama"; 4.00, "London Studio Melodrama"; 4.15, "London Studio Melodrama"; 4.30, "London Studio Melodrama"; 4.45, "London Studio Melodrama"; 5.00, "London Studio Melodrama"; 5.15, "London Studio Melodrama"; 5.30, "London Studio Melodrama"; 5.45, "London Studio Melodrama"; 6.00, "London Studio Melodrama"; 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